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E.O. 11652 : GDS

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SUBJECT : GOB REACTION TO IRAQI DIPLOMATIC VENTURE INTO GULF

1. AMIR OF BAHRAIN TELLS ME IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER, WHEN HE WAS HERE RECENTLY, PRESSED FOR GULF ARAB JOINT "NAVY" TO CHECK IRANIAN "CHALLENGE". AMIR SAID HE TOLD HIM BAHRAIN NOT INCLINED TO GET INTO ANY VENTURE WITH IRAQ UNLESS SAUDI ARABIA AGREED AND ALSO PARTICIPATED.

2. I TOLD AMIR THIS WAS OF COURSE ARAB BUSINESS, NOT OUR AFFAIR, BUT IT SEEMED GOOD POLICY TO ME FOR BAHRAIN ALWAYS TO SOUND OUT THE SAUDIS BEFORE GETTING INVOLVED WITH IRAQ.

3. COMMENT: AMIR AND GOB CONSISTENTLY TELL US FOR RECORD GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN ARE CORNER-STONE GOB FOREIGN POLICY. LESS FORMALLY AMIR AND PRIME
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